

MR. LUND: Good afternoon, my name is Steve Lund. I'm an engineer, I live in Sanpete County. I'm a farmer, a rancher, and mainly a friend to a lot of these people that are here. I came up to this -- oh, I'm a sometime of politician also, but I came up to hear about the coal industry and see where it was going. And I hadn't thought to speak, but I'm going to. I couldn't let it stand. You know, a great diplomat once upon a time said -- a great statesman once upon said, "There are lies, damn lies in the statistics." And much of what we've heard today are statistics. When you consider 400 parts per million, that is tantamount to 0.8 pounds per ton. So when we talk about it in terms of alarming rates, it's not. In Sanpete County, we are one of the poorest counties in the state. And being one of the poorest counties in the state, we rely heavily upon the coal industry. We have two hospitals that are primary care, we have three high schools and one junior college. If these miners here lose their jobs, we potentially lose one hospital and one high school. These are our kids. These are our future. As we talk about our future, we ought to be talking about better ways to develop clean coal technology, not shut down an industry. Shutting down the industry is so much antithetical to what made this nation great. Please consider the leasing program and please don't put a moratorium on it. Thank you.